

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claims 1, 18 and 26 were amended. No new matter was added. Claims 32-34 were canceled without prejudice and claims 3 and 15 were previously canceled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-2, 4-14, 16-31 and 35-39 remain pending in this application.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-11, 13-14, 16-31, 35 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Rakoshitz (U.S. Patent No. 6,816,903). Claims 9 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable in over Rakoshitz in view of MacGregor (U.S. Patent No. 5,396,621).

Rakoshitz apparently discloses a method and system for monitoring or profiling quality of service within one or more information sources in a network of computers. The method includes a step of providing a network of computers, each being coupled to each other to form a local area network. The network of computers has a firewall server coupled to the network of computers and a distributed traffic management tool coupled to the firewall server. The method also includes implementing traffic monitoring or profiling of incoming and outgoing information from one of the information sources.

MacGregor apparently discloses an apparatus and method for sorting of information in a computerized spreadsheet. The system provides for display of a graphical indication in the form of an icon indicative of the sort type, either by rows or by columns, which the data will be sorted in when a sort operation is performed.

Applicant has amended the allowable subject matter of claims 32-34 into independent claims 1, 18 and 26 respectfully. Due to this, Applicant respectfully